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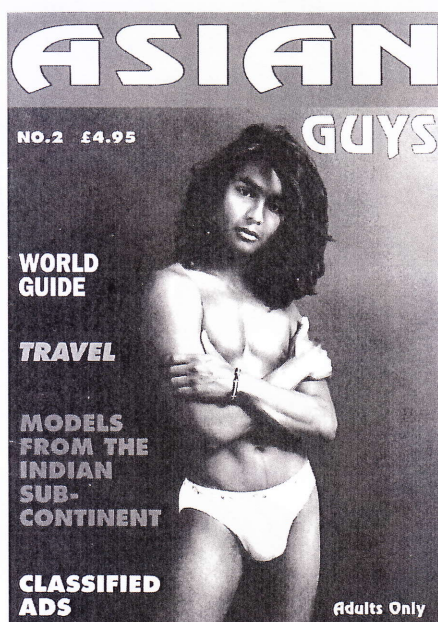
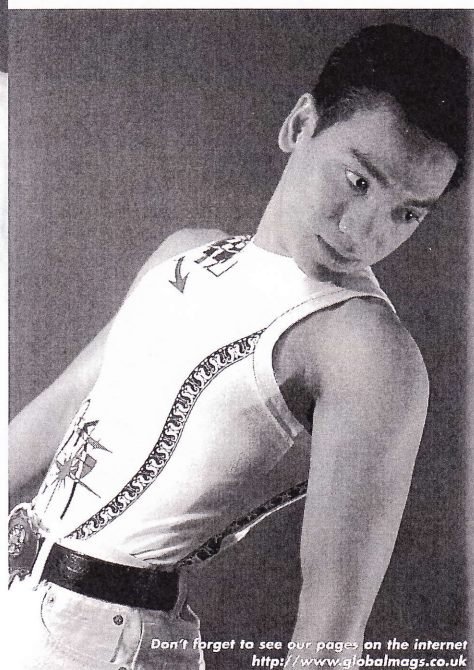
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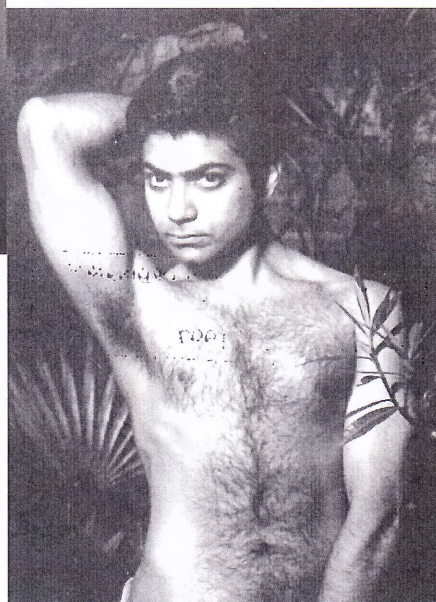
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**E**very Lesbian and Gay man has known it for years, people involved in the commercial gay scene have known of it also. What are we talking about? — the strength of the pink dollar of course. The facts are simple, working Lesbians and Gay men have the highest disposable income per head in Hong Kong. And those living as a couple have an even higher amount of free cash. So what's new? Well, have you seen the recent upsurge in businesses targeting themselves at the pink dollar, encouraging us to keep our money in the pink economy.

When you attend any Gay gathering there are always a percentage of straight businesses willing to cash in.

Many of the larger companies such as the breweries, clothing and record manufacturers are not slow to realise where the best growth areas are at a time of slow economic growth in general throughout the world. You only have to look at the upsurge of mainstream advertising in the Gay press in the UK and USA to get the picture.

However are we really getting value for money or in some cases are we getting well and truly ripped off?

In the case of the semi-gay bars, straight most of the time and Gay once or twice a week, when they can get no other business through the doors, how often have you seen the bar prices go up after 8 p.m. Have a look at the merchandise on offer through many of the so called Gay businesses (often run by straight business people), then compare the prices for the same thing in other shops — very often a big difference in favour of the other shops.

At a time when everyone is screaming out for equality and standing together fighting for the same cause, is it not about time that we demanded equality of our brothers and sisters who are so keen to have their share of the pink dollar. We are willing to give them it, but not to have it ripped out of our pockets.

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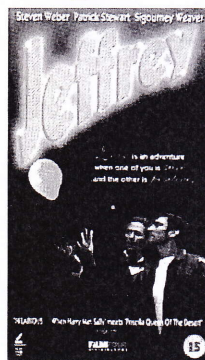
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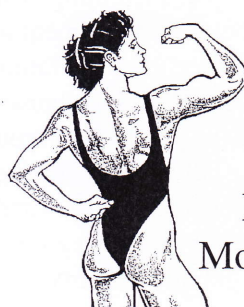
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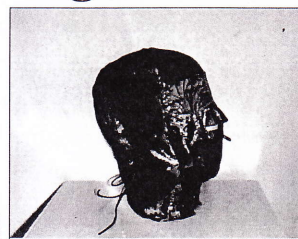
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# Scene Around

# 香港

By Patrick & Friends

**H**ong Kong Calendar Men Project are planning to hold a launch party at Propaganda on Thursday 16th October from 10 p.m. the door charge will go to the project. Some of the muscular Calendar boys have also promised to put in an appearance.

**L**ots of ghosts, ghouls and things that go bump in the night, to be spotted around town—and especially in the Lan Kwai Fung area at Halloween, Friday 31st October. The biggest bash (although somewhat overshadowed by their move to newer and larger premises, see page 12) looks set to be at Propaganda. The party starts at 10.00 until very late and as a special bonus to partygoers the admission price will be at usual Friday night prices. Meanwhile up at Flex things will also be hopping that night with spooky entertainment and fun-type party games. And at the recently renovated Red Circle (formerly CE Top) there will also be shenanigans and frolicking until late. All of the parties start around 10 p.m. so you should plan to arrive before the Witching Hour—Midnight—otherwise you might just be left wandering the streets! There are prizes at all the parties for the best costumes and characters, so get up and party!

**F**lex has a number of new ongoing happenings. Starting with *Contacts Magazine's* loveable Fifi on Fridays. Thursdays are Boz Nite in homage, says Flex's Manager, to the legendary DD2. 70's and 80's Hi NRG music that used to rock Gay bars and clubs World-Wide. Sundays are reserved for Lounge Nites with a live combo playing jazz and soul from 10 until 2, great to start off the week.

**A** fabulous Spice Girls party, with a 1st Prize of a return air ticket plus food and accommodation to meet the real Spice Girls to Brazil, is planned for Thursday 23rd October at Propaganda. Red is the theme colour for, what promises to be, a hot party night. There will also be a look-a-like competition based on any of the Spice Girls. A special mystery appearance of a well-known local drag artist, while not yet confirmed, is highly likely, said the management. Registrations for the competition should be made before the 23rd October at the club.

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地點 : Red Circle 三樓  
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費用 : 每人50元  
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日期 : 十一月廿二日(星期六)  
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# First in a series of articles looking at Hong Kong's Gay scene

By Patrick Fok

## 97—Most Suitable

**Cruising Environment**  
The atmosphere gave me a feeling of belonging. I should admit though I found the place is more like a high-class cafe rather than the scene that appeared in the eye-catching Contacts Magazine advertisement. The dance floor is in the middle of the club, and although the music was kind of funky, nobody, sadly, seemed to be in a dancing mood.

It was surprising to find so many well-dressed and, apparently, single local Chinese Gays there. I thought 97 was a really nice meeting place. I wondered though if people make use of the "buy one get one extra drink" as a tactic to invite someone to sit down, but those who want to sit it out in comfort should get there early because there are few seats.

The high bar stools are good for eyeing-up people, but keeps the only bartender very busy, trying to hear what people want through those leaning or sitting at the bar and responding to one order after another coming from all directions. You also have to ease your way through, gently yet firmly, the crowd before you can get out of the club through the tiny exit.

## Propaganda—Most Stereotyped

**Gay Scene** It came as no surprise that the club was more like a fashion show. Trendy tight-fit gear is a must to get you noticed. I found all types of people when I visited, from a lonely single who just stood right beside the dance floor all night to a threesome (a woman plus two men) enjoying themselves on the sofa.

PP (as it's known) was quite big and diversified. You can jump to the cruising maze after sitting along the bar table watching TV, a labyrinth like corridor, are winding and very narrow. It is very difficult not

to touch people nearby, especially on the dance floor.

The place was quite smoky, giving me the feeling similar to what I imagine it's like entering a lost world. Searching amongst the happy, smiling faces in the crowd, the suspicion grew on me that people could very easily become addicted to this place.

Perhaps I was pre-occupied by a feeling that all patrons there were cruising, I felt people going there were somewhat outrageous, though not until I overheard a conversation just within an arm's distance by two stereotypical Gay men. I was standing beside my friend, who was making a phone call, when I heard a man saying 'is that guy OK for you'. I turned to the direction where the voice seemed to come from, and was really stunned by the facial expression - a sly smile. I couldn't agree more with the saying that PP is a meat market!

## Flex—Most Unique Design

I was charmed by the modern design in the bar, making full use of limited space. The bed-like sofa against the wall is interesting, was it I wonder made for someone to lie down! They have a variety of seats available, though not many in total. I was most interested in the outside non-air-conditioned cafe - a must-go-to spot in winter. Nice interior design, with a raised TV there for the MTV channel. A refreshing experience!

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## Japan

The Tokyo High Court has rejected the appeal of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMP) against the Japan Association for the Lesbian and Gay Movement (OCCUR). In doing so it has reaffirmed the 1994 decision of the District Court that Tokyo's refusal to allow OCCUR members to use its Houses for Youth was illegal and discriminatory. More than 100 supporters packed the courtroom as Chief Justice Yamazaki Shuichi read the decision. In this second round of hearings the TMP argued that the so-called "separate sexes, separate rooms rule" was necessary in order to prevent sexual relations from occurring within the House for Youth. They also argued that the Tokyo Board of Education had broad powers of discretion as to what would constitute the sound upbringing of Tokyo's youth and that even if the Board's decision had been mistaken it could not be considered negligent given the overwhelming amount of negative information concerning homosexuality that was in circulation at the time. But the Court rejected all arguments. The court also confirmed the illegality of the TMG's refusal even to accept for consideration the form submitted by OCCUR requesting accommodation at the House for Youth.

## China

Beijing's Gay AIZHI Action Project is targeting the diagnostic manual used by Chinese psychiatrists to label Gays and Lesbians mentally ill. "We want to declassify or de-medicalize homosexuality from aversive psychological treatment or electronic-shock treatment," said Wan Yan Hai, coordinator of the group. The Chinese Psychiatric Association is due to begin work on a new edition of the textbook, known as the Chinese Classification of Mental Disorders (CCMD-3).

## South Korea

Authorities waited until the opening day to take action against the 1st Seoul Queer Film & Video Festival at the Tongmun Theater on Yonsei University Campus. The festival was due to run until 19th-25th Sept, and included 85 films from all over the world. They declared the event illegal and threatened to seize all screening equipment and materials, and also threatened the organizers with a 20 million Korean won (approx. HK\$175,00.00) fine and a three year jail sentence. University authorities also withdrew support, threatening to turn off the electricity in the building. The same authorities said they would not permit the Queer Film and Video Festival to import and screen film prints. In these circumstances, the festival was forced to attempt a technique used by other festivals in similar circumstances, namely to screen videos only on a university campus. But now that attempt has also run into a brick wall. The Queer Film and Video Festival's difficulties raise serious questions about civil rights and freedom of expression for all Gay people. "We believe, said the organizers, that our struggle is of importance to all organizers of film festival, all organizers of cultural events, and Korean audiences in general".

## Malaysia

The organisation Pink Resistance reports that the southern city of Johor Baru (JB) has a new law imposing a 5,000 rupee (Hong Kong\$62,500.00) and six strokes of the rotan (cane) and/or three years in jail for sexual 'offences' including prostitution, heterosexual adultery, Lesbianism and sodomy.

## Ukraine

The former Soviet republic Ukraine has a new Gay magazine, *Our World*. Write to: Andrei Maimulakhim, Editor, *Our World*, P.O. Box 62, 348051 Lugansk, Ukraine.

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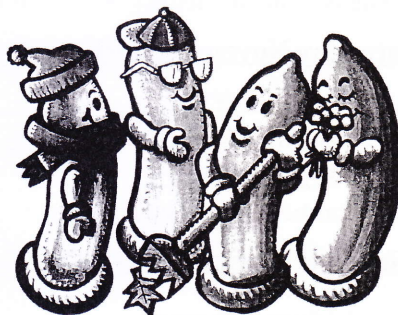
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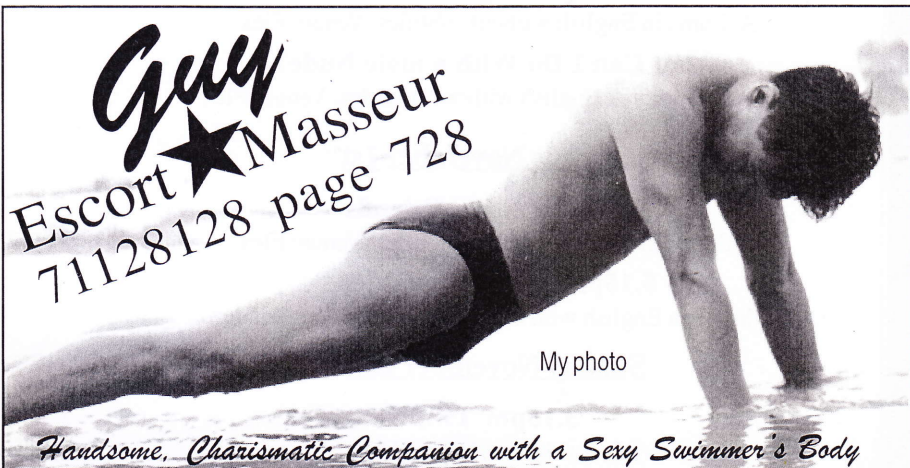
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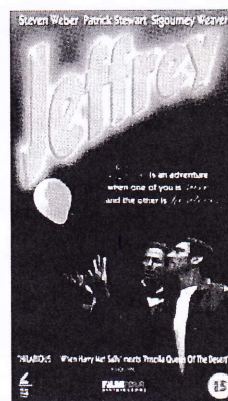
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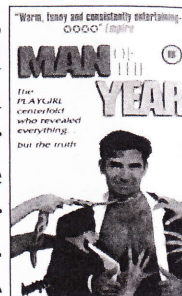


# 2nd FILM FESTIVAL

Movie Lovers and Screen Queens, have we got news for you! The 2nd International Gay Films Festival is in



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**Here's your day-by-day movie planner. Pencil it in your diary and get down there!**

## Sunday October 19th

### **3.00pm Man of the Year**

A drama in English without subtitles. Venue: Flex

### **5.15pm Dona Herlinda and Her Son**

A foreign language film with English subtitles. Venue: Flex

## Saturday October 25th

### **2.45pm Consenting Adult**

A drama in English with Chinese subtitles

Venue: Red Ribbon Centre

### **3.00pm Apartment Zero**

A drama in English without subtitles. Venue: Flex

### **4.40pm**

A drama in Cantonese without subtitles.

Venue: Red Ribbon Centre

### **5.20pm Extreme Pleasure Zone**

An educational film in English without subtitles. venue: Flex

### **Glitterbug**

A drama in English without subtitles. Venue: Flex

## Sunday October 26th

### **3.15pm Gay Classics**

A drama in English without subtitles. Venue: Flex

### **5.15pm Nighthawks**

A drama in English without subtitles. Venue: Flex

### **What Can I Do With a male Nude?**

A documentary in English without subtitles. Venue: Flex

## Saturday November 1st

### **3.15pm Peter's Friends**

A drama in English without subtitles. Venue: Flex

### **5.15pm Men, Men, Men**

A drama in English with Chinese subtitles. Venue: Flex

## Sunday November 2nd

### **3.15pm TBA**

see note below. Venue: Flex

### **5.15pm TBA**

see note below. Venue: Flex

### **8.00pm Boyfriends**

Venue: Club 64

## Saturday November 8th

### **2.40pm Dog Day Afternoon**

A drama in English with Chinese subtitles.

Venue: Red Ribbon Centre

### **3.15pm Wonderland**

A drama in English without subtitles. Venue: Flex

### **4.45pm Maurice.**

A drama in English with Chinese subtitles.

Venue: Red Ribbon Centre

### **5.15pm The Music Lovers**

A drama in English with Chinese subtitles. Venue: Flex

## Sunday November 9th

### **3.15pm The Rocky Horror Picture Show**

A drama in English without subtitles. Venue: Flex)

### **5.15pm My Night With Reg**

A drama in English without subtitles. Venue: Flex

## Saturday November 15th

### **3.15pm TBA**

see note below. Venue: Flex

### **5.15pm TBA**

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## Sunday November 16th

### **3.15pm Liberace**

A drama in English with Chinese subtitles. Venue: Flex

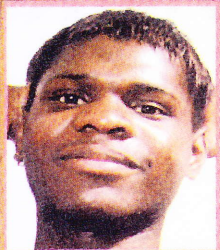
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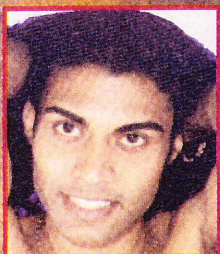
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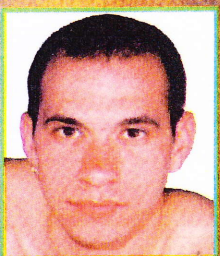
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# Fifi

## HOW TO CATCH A WIFE



## For Lebanese

**Rule Number One:** Lesbians are not like any other sexual category. Lesbians take great pride in themselves, their fight for equality, and their demand for recognition within the Lesbian community. So if you're trying to catch one to call your own, you'd best keep this in mind. Never take the political awareness of the Lesbian for granted.

**Rule Number Two:** Whatever you've been doing in the past, forget about it. Lesbians are extremely fickle\* fashions, trends, styles, and of course sexual partners change from one moment to the next. I can say this because I am perhaps one of the best known Dykes in town. I change my hair colour every day, I never wear the same outfit more than once, and I have never in my life slept with any given women more than one time -(either of them!) Variety is the spice of life, and we Lesbians love to cook. So if something doesn't work, change your strategy. If nothing else, your repertoire of techniques will expand.

**Rule Number Three:** No matter how tempting, never let her know that all you want is sex. If you go up to a man, (assuming that one would want to-) and tell him that you want to play his pipe organ, no questions asked you'll have a blast in no

time. But try this ploy on a womyn, and you're likely to get a fist in your face. This is because being Lebanese is less about sex than it is about "realising that the world predominantly, if not exclusively revolves around a male centred patriarchy where women are forced to subservient themselves for the sake of planetary procreation and perform lower level tasks." Being a Lesbian means coming to terms with our fate as a stigmatised social class, re-uniting with our sisters, and celebrating our empowerment by engaging in mutually satisfying erogenous play. Should this culminate in a sexual act, then so be it. But sex for it's own sake should never exist.

I once gave a speech for the Hong Kong chapter (locally funded of course) of "Dykes for Democracy" a political lobbying group of which I was one of the founding members. During my presentation I made the above claim, and was challenged by a member of the audience. I quickly rebutted the argument by stating that if Lesbians were truly interested in sex with each other, we would have witnessed the existence of Lesbian saunas. But since there were none, my case was well supported. After my presentation I quickly asked the little nymphomaniac who had contested my claim if she would like to

come home with me. Being the most attractive woman in the room, I had one more piece of evidence that Lesbians just don't enjoy sex, when she refused my offer.

**Rule Number Four:** Don't expect your date to undress herself. Dykes like to be pampered, and catered to more than anyone else. It is your job to make her feel like she's doing you a favour by doing the wild thing with you. If you've initiated the sex act, be sure that you follow through and take the lead for the next four hours (yes, we do it slowly-) Remember, we are not like men, we take pride in our bodies, our minds, and our souls. And if we don't put ourselves on pedestals, then no one else will.

**Rule Number Five:** Only bring sex toys to the bedroom if your partner has asked for them. Most people on the planet don't know what we do behind close doors, and have no perception of how good we are at using our hands. Novices think that we need to have apparatus to get off, and are likely to come equipped this way. But let me tell you, from personal experience, the best orgasms are always completely handmade.

**Rule Number Six:** When you do bring sex toys into the bedroom, make sure they are environmentally friendly. This means that bananas, grapes, zucchinis, white radishes and wintermelons are "in." PVC dildos, shampoo bottles, aerosol propelled fire extinguishers and upturned bar stools are out. The nice part about using vegetables in the bedroom is that they cut the cost of cooking dinner later on in the evening. The Gay community discovered this recently, and this was the cause of the recent increase in the cost of corn on the cob.

**Rule Number Seven:** Douching should precede sex, not follow it. By rushing to the loo immediately after doing the deed, you're sending the wrong message to your partner. You should always wait until after she's left the flat. But most importantly, its good to smell nice, and your date will appreciate a bit of prepping beforehand.

**Watch out for Fifi's return next month as *Contacts Magazine's* snarling, yet oh-so-gentle, sex advisor extraordinaire.**



# PROPAGANDA

# MOVES

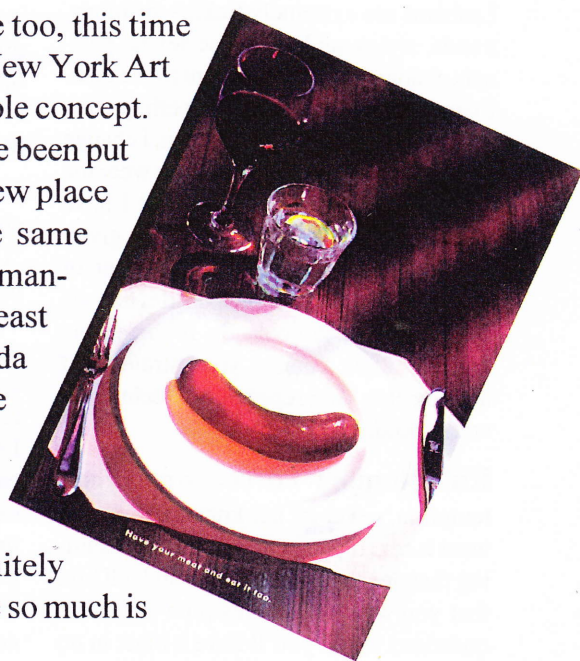
After six years of operation as the largest and most popular Gay bar/disco in Hong Kong, Propaganda is making some pretty major changes in 1997.

After months of rumors about the future of Propaganda, the management has finally confirmed the opening date of the new Propaganda on 7th November (Friday) 7 p.m. at a brand new location at L/G, No. 1 Hollywood Road, Central.

The new Propaganda will fill up the entire 5,000 sq/ft floor space at the new location and will not only feature a much improved bar/disco, but will also have a full service restaurant within the club. The management thinks that by adding the full service restaurant and serves also an all night delicious snack menu, its customers can enjoy a more 'total experience' of the Propaganda concept, which is a club that caters to both an early crowd as well as a late night one.

The new Propaganda pays particular attention to break the tradition of the usual late night bar crowd and tries to make it as comfortable as possible to either have an early drink or to have a full dinner between 7-11 p.m., however, the disco hour is still the definite choice when it comes down to dancing. Since there is a restaurant now, they will open 7 nights a week until late. In order to emphasize the seriousness of the level of the dining experience, the club is offering a special promotion for 2 weeks after the grand opening. All food items served in the restaurant will be 1/2 price off the regular menu prices. And of course there is the happy hour between 7 to 9:30p.m.

The interior is reassuringly upscale too, this time they have chosen the retro 1930's New York Art Deco period as the basis for the whole concept. Extensive research and designs have been put into the new location to make the new place both stylish and functional at the same time. Even more great news is the management has promised to pen at least one bar next to the new Propaganda within the next 6 months. In true Propaganda style, the management will not give more details until they know exactly when is the opening date for the bar, but we will definitely keep you posted! Oh, I can't believe so much is happening all of a sudden!







*By Claudette Jean*

**W**e are different, and it's that difference that permeates our whole way of life. Whether we're working or at home with our children or with our lovers, loving alone or being politically active being a Lesbian means we can bring to everything we do a very positive attitude.

This is not something easy to define but I'm not suggesting that we're better than other women. Living as a Lesbian is fraught with a great many difficulties mainly due to pressures from the patriarchy. While this is true for all women, it is even more so for Lesbians. A great many still prefer to remain closeted for fear of losing jobs, friends or family if we come out.

In most women-only groups these days the majority of women are Lesbians,

whether it's an activist feminist collective or a women's camp or weekend conference. We have been accused of taking over, of course, but I think it's because of our real commitment to change. We don't have a safe environment to go home to, so we are serious in our intention of making this a better world. And we have a vested interest in following through ideas and putting them into practise.

In a Lesbian household there is usually an overall atmosphere of women caring and sharing with each other which makes for a very pleasant change from the more jarring aspect of the rest of society.

Because Lesbians are not a recognisable part of the status quo we are usually financially independent, are prepared to learn those skills men try to retain for themselves. We have a broader viewpoint, and by taking responsibility for ourselves, our households, our children and ourselves, there is the potential and often the means for a more complete and fulfilling life, and the way we want to be.

What I'm also saying is that being Lesbian is not just to do with sex. Let me re-

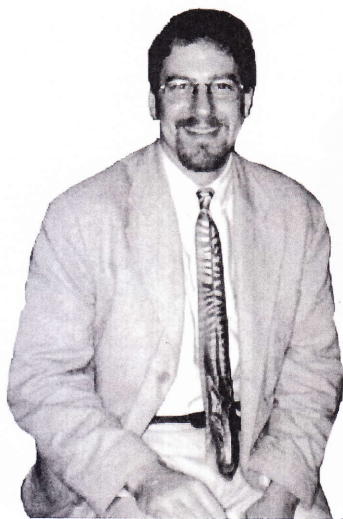
phrase that. While our sexuality is an important means of identifying and defining ourselves and an integral part of our well-being, to be Lesbian means more than that. It is the way we view the world, which includes our political involvement and personal commitments. It cannot be separated from what we do, think or say at anytime.

All of which is very difficult to define, which is not to say we don't know or feel what's happening. It is this very real Lesbian experience with much more potential to explore and develop our creativity, ideals and our very way of being so that we feel more fulfilled and complete in ourselves.

All Lesbians are separatist at some point on a day-to-day basis. I view this as positive pro-women rather than just anti-male and should be actively encouraged in order to fully explore the energy within. I believe can only truly be done in an all Lesbian community.

Lesbian energy is real, we can feel and appreciate it, we must do everything we can to preserve and nurture it.





# Out On the Net

By Spode

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## Tips For Using Chinese On The 'Net

**W**hile it may seem that most of the Internet is in English, there are many places where Chinese is the norm. Finding them is not hard - for Web sites, explore the search engines; for Usenet Newsgroups, either search the newsgroup title for the work Chinese, or focus on regional groups like Hong Kong,\* and tw.\* The challenge lies in being able to read and send Chinese characters without having them turn into garbage on the screen.

Encoding Systems Computers use different 'encoding systems' for different languages. These systems are based on established standards, so that programs and networks can work together without constantly having to convert. The most common English encoding system is known as ISO-8859-1, or 'Latin1', and is completely incompatible with Chinese. Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hebrew, and many other languages are more complex. They require additional information for the computers, and are known as 2-byte character systems. The most common encoding for traditional Chinese is called Big5, and for simplified characters is GB. Other codings exist, but you probably won't encounter them very often (e.g. CCCII).

Each letter in English uses one byte of information, while each Chinese character uses 2 bytes. This is why programs which are not specifically written to support 2-byte systems sometimes show the cursor in the wrong place, and require you to press the backspace key twice to delete a character. Very messy. Microsoft Word is one of the worst offenders, since only their Chinese version supports Chinese, and it is almost impossible to exchange files between versions (without saving as plain text first).

What Do You Need? In order to use Chinese on the 'Net, you need two things: a Chinese operating system or Chinese enabling software for your English operating system, and Internet programs which support 2-byte characters.

The most popular enabling software for Windows is

Richwin and Twinbridge. For the Macintosh the standard is Apple's Chinese Language Kit and its variations.

For Web access Netscape Navigator, and the newer Netscape Communicator, have full support for a variety of encodings, including traditional and simplified Chinese. To access it, go to the Fonts and Languages menus under 'Options -> General Preferences', or under 'Preferences' in the 'Edit' menu. Then configure the traditional and/or simplified Chinese settings to use the Chinese fonts on your system. Then, when you go to a Chinese web page your page should automatically be switched to the correct encoding settings, if the web designers remembered to include something like "<META HTTP-EQUIV="Content-Type" CONTENT="text/html; charset=big5">" in their header. If they forgot, you will have to switch the encoding manually (under 'Options -> Encoding').

Microsoft Internet Explorer can also access Chinese, but you need to install some extra software from their web site first, and many people have reported severe problems getting it configured correctly.

For Chinese Newsgroups, you can also use Netscape - just remember that in the newer Communicator package you have to turn on the correct encoding before it will work. The same is true in Netscape's Web

authoring tool, Composer, and in its e-mail program, Messenger. I recommend setting the defaults in each program to Chinese and leaving them there. Then you won't forget. And almost all Chinese fonts include the basic English characters, so you will still be able to read English information.

Macintosh users also have access to a great Chinese-capable Newsgroup reader, called 'YA-Newswatcher'. As long as the preferences are changed so that there is no text conversion, rather than the default Mac -> ISO 8859-1 conversion, AND you set the default font to your Chinese font, you should be fine.

If you don't want to use Netscape's e-mail program, you can configure Eudora to handle Chinese by adding a conversion table plug-in, and modifying a few settings. Check out the Eudora Tables Emporium (<http://www.hf.uib.no/smi/files/eudtab.html>) for details on a few dozen languages.

Finally, explore Marjorie Chan's ChinaLinks 2: Chinese Language Software & AV Programs (<http://www.cohums.ohio-state.edu/deall/chan.9/c-links2.htm>) for links to just about everything available on the net regarding language encoding - from detailed technical information to software and installation instructions.

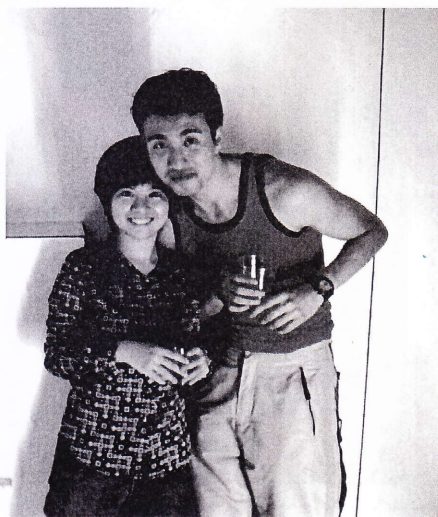
Now go have fun!



# 我那美麗的

## 受虐

## 花園



Designer Kary Kwok and  
Gary drama activist Lee Kwok Ying

我那美麗的受虐花園織錦，一種被公認為「中國化」的衣料。刀，一種被視為置人於死地的利器。時裝店，一個將展覽品同時進行販賣交易的場地。郭家賜，一個不斷將危險與審美進行試驗的攝影與裝置藝術家。

這它們合起來，便是一次別開生面的裝置展覽——「我們美麗的受虐花園」。展覽有五個相關展品，其中最「危險」莫算是那個狩獵陷阱。捕獸器的彈簧已拆，不然一定會搞住那些想掏出放在中央桃色口紅的人。



身兼設計師及時尚「變形蟲」的時裝

編輯郭家賜說：「口紅象徵美及女性化。我認為現時社會上那種絕對審美標準令人不舒服，現在我就是創造多些選擇給大眾，因為潮流不是只得一種的。」

時裝其實可以反映歷史。那個精美的織錦面具，為甚麼會是綠色的呢？原來綠色在唐朝是代表一些次等人，如妓女。郭稱是次是刻意將織錦「代表為皇帝」尊貴的身份的淹沒。

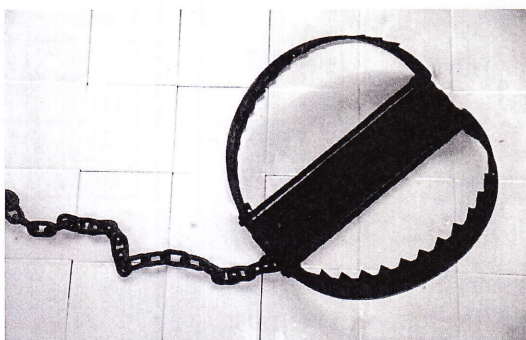


至於那個名叫Double happiness的物體上的兩塊刀片又有何含意？郭釋陽具代表男性主義，他認為現今社會男性主義太重了。追問下，郭卻說：「我是提出問題多於回答的。」

其中一位參觀者Grace說：

「他的設計很有創意，而且在時裝店舉辦展覽也很嶄新。」但另一位參觀者Coyee則嫌展品太少，及找出展品的相關主題亦很容易。

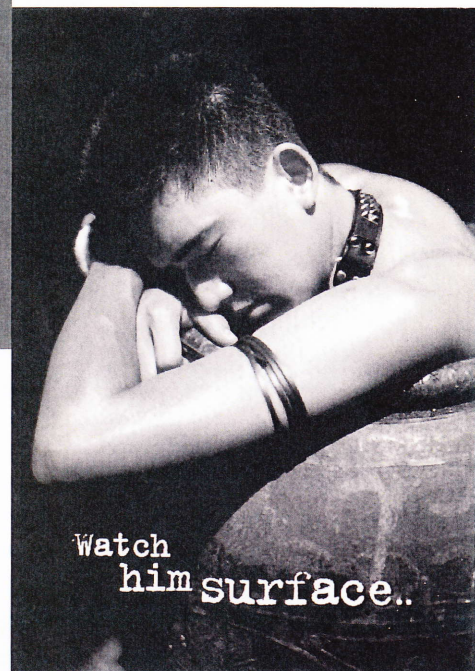
是次由設計師親身帶領我們進入這個既特出又嶄新的身份探險旅程，假於閣下也在場，你便可以感受到這次參觀的特別。郭家賜更希望觀眾多些反省。他說：「國籍只是一張寫滿字的紙，但一個民族和其文化特性，是遠遠超乎那薄薄的一張紙。換言之，我們有著十分複雜的質感。」



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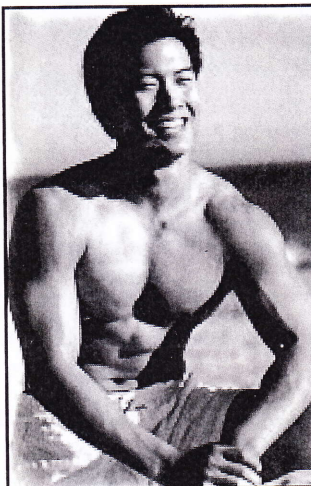
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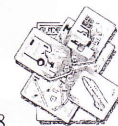
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來分享我們的關注與支持，不用躊躇，即電25130513

我們會聆聽你的擔憂和解答你的疑問，而且所有在愛滋病熱線內傾談的內容絕對保密，包括閣下的身份。同樣，我們可以安排閣下做抗體測試，使閣下明白自己的HIV情況，如閣下是愛滋病帶菌／病患者更可參加我們的支持小組，使用我們的活動中心，還可收到Positive Link newsletter及PWA指南一書，我們會陪伴著你，去醫院或到住所探望你，假如閣下有需要申請援助金，我們可以為你申請。

你是絕對有權利享受美好人生，愛滋基金會永遠在你左右相陪，現在便致電我們的愛滋病熱線。

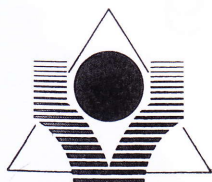
Your worries and questions are discreetly and anonymously answered on our AIDS Helpline.

In the same way, we can arrange an antibody test to determine your HIV status.

If you are living with HIV/AIDS you can join our support group and use our Day Centre as well as receive our *Positive Link* newsletter and *PWA Guide Book*. We also offer help and advice when and if you decide to apply for a PWA support grant.

AIDS Foundation is on your side. Let us be there for you whether at home or in hospital.

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